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By Sleet Storms to Fruit Trees in Shenandoah Valley and West Virginia Counties.

the fruit growing section of the Shen-audoah valley and the West Virginia mental and shade trees. and an valley and the West Virginia border counties tell of a great deal of damage done to apple and peach orchards by the recent sleet storms in that section. Trees in the orchards along the mountain slopes seem to have suffered most. Hundreds of trees that have been bearing only a year or two were broken down by the sleet, which froze four inhees thick in numerous instances, and hundreds of older and instances, and hundreds of older and stronger trees were stripped of branches, which will necessitate a great deal of replanting.
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West Virginia orchardists will join with others, some of the wealthiest fruit growers in this section, in an effort to secure redress through the

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Charged with selling whiskey in violation of the Yost prohibition law the Arlis Edgell, a young man of Wilsonburg, is a prisoner in the county is a prisoner in the county is awaiting a hearing before Magistrate William E. Starcher. A warrant against Edgell was sworn out before the magistrate by Policeman Shahan Monday morning.

Edgell was arrested by Officers McCloud and Shahan in Pike street Sunday night and lodged in the city jail. He denies his guilt, but police claim to have positive evidence that he made a sale of liquor Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Reports tion has to be depended upon, it is received here by the Department of Agriculture from many localities of as many as 94 different kinds of ornatic from the fault proving section of the feature of the fault proving section of the fault proving section of the fault proving section.



## Interstate Commerce Commission for alleged inequality of freight rates. Several prominent men have been named as committeemen to file a general protest with the commission, against alleged inequality of freight rates and refrigerator car charges to southern points, particularly those to southern points through Smithburs, which is a great peach shipping point. CHARLESTON, Dcc. 28—From pipe line companies, operating oil and gas wells in the several sections of the state, West Virginia exacts in taxes for the year 1914, the sum of \$855,218,38; this chass of public service corporations ranking next to the railroads in the amount of taxes contributed to the state each year.

Wilsonburg Young Man Taken into Custody on Charge of Stealing Whiskey.

The state each year.

The taxes paid by the oil and gas companies are based on a total valuation of \$101,342,000, the assessment having been laid by the State Board of Public Works which places the valuation on all pipe line companies operating oil or gas wells in the state.

Of the entire amount of taxes paid by this class of corporations, the state which collects the taxes through the state auditor's office, will receive \$98,829.96; counties, \$383,978.02; districts, \$341,389.95 and municipalities,

The Hope Natural Gas Company, the Eureka Pipe Line Company and

١	the United Fred Cas Company, the Eure	eks Pipe Li	ne Company and
g	the United Fuel Gas Company, whose holdings pay more than half of the taxes paid by the pi	are assess	sed at \$00,000,000
į	lowing table shows the name of each pipe line	pe line com	panies. The tol-
á	Virginia, the assessed valuation and the amount	company o	perating in west
Š.	Name.	or tax par	d in 1914;
Ħ	Bluefield Gas & Power Co	Valuation.	Tax.
ŧ	Blackville Oil & Gas Co.		\$1,020.09 89.58
á	Berea Heat & Light Co.	10,500	63.99
3	Belvard Oil & Gas Co.	7,500	
8	Bridgeport Natural Gas & Oil Co	24,000	599.62 266.62
덿	Buckhannon Relief Oil & Gas Co.	35,000	<b>339.49</b>
ä	Columbia Gas & Electric Co	3,750,000	35,127.08
ş	Cameron Gas & Oil Co	5,020	63.37
3	Charles Town Gas & Water Co	20,000	233.02
8	Carnegie Natural Gas Co	5,000,000	9,596.31
ä	City & Suburban Gas Co	300,000	2,326.00
ą	Consumors Car Co	15,000	194.52
ğ	Cameron Heat & Light Co.	40,030	477.75
ĕ	Comet Oil & Gas Co	10,000	110.90
ğ	Centreville Pipe Line & Gas Co	2,000	16.95
i	Chapman Oil & Gas Co	7,500	38.40
ä	Chapman Oil & Gas Co	40,000	399.75
3	Chas-Bunbar Natural Gas Co	200,000	2,142.60
8	Clarksburg Light & Heat Co	1,000,000	10,260.47
	Deanville Gas Co	20,000	148.13
ij	Eureka Pipe Line Co	21,000,000	182,073.35
a	Fairmont Gas Co	975,000	8,863.45
3	Godfrey L. Cahot Co	103,000	1,051.57
	Glenville Natural Gas Co	15,000	125.29
H	Gassaway Gas Co	25,000	338.23
H	Hope Natural Gas Co	25,000,000	201,653.42
3	Hamilton Natural Gas Co	150,900	1,277.91
4	Home Gas Co.	30,000	325.31
ğ	Huntington Development & Gas Co	400,000	4,201.18
ă	Home Petroleum & Natural Gas Co	35,000	331.69
ı	Harshbarger Oil & Gas Co	60,000	609:37
B	Holley Oil & Development Co	420,000	4,592,25
ä	Imperial Oil & Gas Products Co	150,000	1,278.78
ğ	Jane Lew Light & Heat Co	8,000	76.73
į	Keeners Oll, Natural Gas & Fuel Co	125,000	1,205.83
4	Light, Fuel & Power Co	50,000	455.23
3	Lumberport Gas Co	40,000	407.74
ì	Lost Creek Oil & Gas Co	15,000	131.62
i	Manufacturers Light & Heat Co	2,000,000	15,059.91
1	Manufacturers Gas & Electric Light Co	20,000	261.87
j	Manufacturers Gas Co	50,000	552:09
3	Martinsburg Gas Co	75,000	1,009/1/2
3	Monongahela Development Co	110,000	1,397.17
4	Montgomery Gas Co	100,000	1,063,48
4	Natural Gas Company of West Virginia	500,000	4,868.05
ă	Newell Gas Co	7,500	72,39
ı	Northern Natural Gas Co	23,500	245.63
Ø	O'Connell Oll Co	600,000	5,089.50
ø	Ohio Valley Gas Co	1,750,000	15,481.18
į	Ohio Fuel Oil Co	2,500,000	21,345.11
ł	Pure Oil Co.	850,000	7,620,56
ŧ	Fure Oil Pipe Line Co	300,000	1,332.77 2,696.91
đ	Pure Oil Producing Co	8,500,000	65,042.94
4	Point Pleasant Natural Gas Co	25,000	345.30
1	Pittsburg & West Virginia Gas Co	600,000	5,721.07
ï	Romney Light & Heat Co.	5,000	64.59
4	Randall Gas Co.	110,000	958.44
ı	Rural Gas Co.	18,000	136,19
ı	Reserve Gas Co.	6,000,000	43,285.00
ø	Raccoon Oil & Gas Co.	35,000	340.76
ı	Sun Transportation Co	20,000	339.30
ø	Salem Natural Gas Co	50,000	620.57
ø	Shinnston Consolidated Gas Co	25,000	241.31
ø	Tri-State Gas Co	2,300,000	22,193.60
ı	Troy Oil & Gas Co	4,000	32.17
ı	Troy Oil & Gas Co	9,000,000	85,411.51
į	Vesner Oil & Gas Co	35,000	334.34
ø	West Union Gas Co	50,000	410.47
ß	Wetzel Gas Co	240,000	2,691.99

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NEW YORK, Dec. 28-Nearly half a million children can be released from exacting and injurious work during the new year according to a statement issued today by the National Child Labor Committee announcing the new campaign it is launching on behalf of the Palmer-Owen child labor bill now pending in

Owen child labor bill now pending in Congress.

The first step in this campaign will be a national conference in Washington, D. C., January 5 and 8, at which Senator Owen, Senator Kenyon, Hon. A. Mitchell Palmer, of Pennsylvania; Hon. Victor Murdock, of Kansas; Julia C. Lathrop, of the Childron's Bureau; Jane Addams, of Chilcago; Jasper Y. Briaton, of Phinadelphia; William H. Maitbie, of Baltimore, and others will speak.

The next move will be the observance of Child Labor Day on January 24 and 25, when 10,000 clergymen and school principals throughout the country will address churches and schools on the subject of the Palman-Pacific exposition.

The committee will be opened in San Francisco as a part of the Palman-Pacific exposition.

The committee explains, however, that this campaign for a federal law will not take the place of state work but that representatives of the committee will appear before fifteen state legislatures in connection with child labor and compulsory school attendance bills. The Palmer-Owen bill would eliminate the ten-year-old cannery children and the youngsters under fourteen in the cotton mills; it would back up the efforts of state authorities to enforce laws that already exist; it would shorten the hours of the 100,000 children who are legally working a nine, ton or eleven-hour day; and it would of away with the injustious night work of children in glass factories. But only improved state laws can deel with the egually important matters of the education and leaith of children who are legally working a nine, ton or eleven-hour day; and it would of away with the injustious night work of children in glass factories. But only improved state laws can deel with the egually improved state laws can deel with the egually important matters of the education in stores, messenger service and other occupations in which interstate commerce is not involved.

Passed by Parliament at Sydney involve An increase of about Fifty Per Cent.

(Correspondence of Associated Press). SYDNEY, Dec. 28.—The federal parliament has passed new land taxes, involving an increase of about fifty per cent. Exemption is granted to



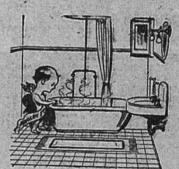
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